

Please vote no on HB5263.

HELP STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF THOUSANDS OF RABBITS (Please note the revised email for your support statement: [Cetestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Cetestimony@cga.ct.gov))

There is a hearing Tuesday HB 5263, a bill to allow the processing of thousands of rabbits for food consumption. Essentially this Department of Agriculture's proposal will bring factory-like farming of rabbits to CT under the guise of promoting farming in the state.

Please write the Commerce Committee now and tell them NO on HB5263; be sure to include your name and address in the email. Send your email to [Cetestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Cetestimony@cga.ct.gov) Use any of the points above or just send an email that asks them to vote no on HB 5263.

- 1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats
- 2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits. They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.
- 3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.
- 4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.
- 5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Speak Up for Animals. They are counting on you.